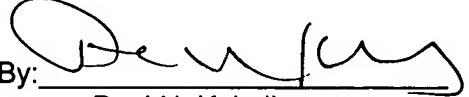


**REMARKS**

The claims are being amended to improve dependency.

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